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FOR KNOTLESSLY SECURING TISSUE

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Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- ☐ Print EFS Data Sheet
- 27 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 24 Numbered Claims Calculated as 24 Claims for Fee Purposes
- 34 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 23D. (Formal)
- ☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under 37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
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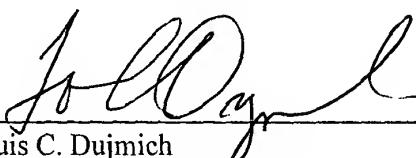


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